

4. How should we respond?

Come to Jesus – (God’s Invitation)

*“...whoever comes to me, I will never cast out.
John 6:37*

Believe and Receive – *“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,” John 1:12*

*“...whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”
John 5:24, also John 3:16*

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for the gift of salvation to all who believe. Remove every barrier that boys and girls may know You by believing on Your name and receiving You.

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household. Acts 16:31

“...I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” Acts 26:17-18

(God is speaking to the Apostle Paul)

*But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.
Acts 20:24 ESV*

Each suggested prayer as follows, is prompted by the key Gospel points to be shared in explaining the way of salvation.

1. Who is God? – He is Creator and Sustainer

Dear God, You have made the whole world and You hold it in its orbit with the sun, moon and stars. Continually renew our awe of Your mighty power and intelligent design. Genesis 1:1, Hebrews 1:3, 11:3

He is Holy

“...I, the Lord your God am holy.” Lev. 19:2

Thank You, God for never compromising Your perfect, just and righteous nature. Increase our desire to know You and to treasure Your perfection and goodness.

He is the God who gives: Love, Light and Life.

John 3:16, 8:12, 14:6

Dear God, bring the light of Your truth to our understanding. Draw us and the children to Your side by Your love and open each heart to believe leading to eternal life.

2. Who is Man? – Born with a sin nature
and is spiritually lost, wanting his/her own way instead of God's.

Romans 3:23, Luke 19:10

Dear God, help us to realize that sin is much more than certain acts. It is our natural resistance and rebellion to You and Your way. Help us and the children to understand our need for the Savior.

Separated from God because of sin.

“Your iniquities made a separation between you and your God...” Isaiah 59:2

Dear God, may the feeling of being separated from the One who made us, cause us to turn away from what does not satisfy and come near to You for salvation and comfort.

Unable to save him or herself

He saved us, not because of works done by us... Titus 3:5

Dear God, It is You who saves us! Thank You, Savior. Help us not to fall back into the idea of doing good works to make up for the bad. Help us to live in the grace of Your forgiveness in the power of Your Holy Spirit to do what is right.

3. Who is Jesus?

He is God the Son

“He is the Son of God.” Acts 9:20

Dear God, teach our hearts the unconditional love that You have for us, that You would come down to us through Your Son. You are the great rescuing God!

He is perfect man.

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” II Corinthians 5:21

Dear God, may the sacrifice that You made for us ignite love and loyalty in our hearts for You, forever. May we gain great confidence to walk in Your gift of forgiveness and righteousness.

What is the work of Christ?

- He willingly died on the cross giving His blood as a payment for our sin. I Peter 1:18-19, 3:18
- He came back to life again. I Cor. 15:4
- He lives in heaven with the Father. Rom. 8:34

Dear Jesus, thank You for dying for us willingly and raising again to bring us life everlasting. Thank You for making intercession for us before God the Father as our high priest.